15 May 2015

Excellency,

Further to my letters dated 9 March 2015 and 8 May 2015 on the High-Level Event for the World Programme of Action for Youth which I will convene on 29 May 2015, I am pleased to forward to you a provisional programme for the event.

I look forward to active participation at high-level.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sam K. Kutesa

To All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York
High Level Event of the United Nations General Assembly
Marking the 20th Anniversary of the
World Programme of Action for Youth
to Highlight Youth Priorities in the Post-2015 Development Agenda

29 May 2015
General Assembly Hall
United Nations Headquarters
New York

Provisional Programme

10:00-11:00 a.m.: Opening segment

- Youth Performance (10:00-10:10am)
- Acting President of the UN General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Alvaro José de Mendonça e Moura, Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations
- Secretary-General of the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon
- UN Secretary-General’s Envoy on Youth, Mr. Ahmad Alhendawi
- Keynote Address by Vivian Onano, Young leader, Women Deliver.

11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.: Plenary

- Statements by Member States (3 minutes each)

3:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.: Panel 1 “Stocktaking of the past 20 years since the adoption of WPAY”

Guiding questions:

- Acknowledging the continued relevance of the WPAY, what efforts can be made to enhance its role as a viable instrument for further mainstreaming youth issues in the Post-2015 agenda?
- What is the role of youth and youth-led organizations in WPAY implementation and youth policy development, monitoring and evaluation?
- What are some examples of successful implementation of the WPAY to date?
Chair: H.E. Lourdes O. Yparraguirre, Permanent Representative of Philippines to the United Nations
Moderator: Andreas Karsten, co-founder of youthpolicy.org
Panelists:
- H.E. Al-Zain S. Al-Sabah, Under-Secretary, Ministry of State for Youth Affairs, State of Kuwait
- H.E. Agnes Musunga, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Youth and Sports, Zambia
- Åshild Marie Vige, Norwegian Children and Youth Council, Norway
- Patrick Ochiba, International Movement of Catholic Students - Pax Romana Pan-African Coordinator, Kenya
- Professor Andy Furlong, University of Glasgow

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm: Panel 2 “Role of WPAY looking ahead”

Guiding questions:
- To what extent have the priority areas of the WPAY been incorporated into the new post-2015 development agenda?
- What avenues of cooperation are available between policy-makers and youth-led organizations at both local and international levels in the implementation these policies?
- How effective are the channels of communication on youth related issues?
- What partnerships have been crucial and are necessary for the continued effective implementation of the WPAY moving into the Post-2015 agenda?

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Moderator: Jessica Abo, Journalist
Panelists:
- H.E. Gabriel Medina, National Youth Secretary, Brazil
- H.E. Aida Hadzialic, Minister for Upper Secondary School and Adult Education and Training, Sweden
- Dejan Bojanic, European Youth Forum Board Member, Serbia
- Marina Fidelis D’Costa, UN Major Group for Children and Youth, India
5:00 pm - 5:50 pm: Plenary
  • Statements by Member States and other stakeholders

5:50 pm - 6:00 pm: Closing segment
  • Acting President of the UN General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Alvaro José de Mendonça e Moura, Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations